

# Rules and Procedures for Boston 5 Stud Poker

## GENERAL

Boston 5 Stud Poker is a patented poker variation game. Boston 5 Stud Poker may be played only on tables displaying the Boston 5 Stud Poker table layout. A single deck of fifty-two cards will be used. The object of the game is for each player to both get a better five card poker hand than the dealer's hand, and to get a five card hand qualifying for payment according to an Ante bonus pay schedule. With an option wager, the object is for the player to get a three-card hand qualifying for payment according to a bonus pay schedule. Players may play only one hand of cards with each shuffle of the deck.

Before receiving any cards, each player must place a wager in the "Ante" circle in front of the player's position, and an additional wager in an amount equal to twice the Ante in the "1<sup>st</sup> Wager" circle in front of the player's position. The amount of each Ante shall be within the table limit range to be determined by the Casino. Table limits shall be posted at the table. Each player may place an additional, optional, three-card bonus wager in the "Optional Bonus" wagering circle. The three card Optional Bonus wager may not be placed unless Ante and 1<sup>st</sup> Wagers have been placed. The three card Optional Bonus wager may be made in any amount posted at the table. There shall be a \$1 minimum optional Bonus bet.

## DEALING THE CARDS AND PAYOUTS

A player who wishes to tip the dealer by placing bets for the dealer shall place the tip(s) above or adjacent to the player's wagers at the same times that the player places the player's wagers. A tip bet shall not be required to be in any minimum amount, and the amount of each tip bet may not exceed the amount of each of the player's own wagers placed at the same time. Players may be permitted to place a tip bet for the dealer on either, or both, the Ante and the 1<sup>st</sup> Wager, but need not have made an Ante tip bet before making a 1<sup>st</sup> Wager tip bet. If both an Ante tip bet and a 1<sup>st</sup> Wager tip bet are made, the 1<sup>st</sup> Wager tip bet is not required to be in an amount which is double the amount of the Ante tip bet. Only when a player has placed a tip bet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wager, the player may, but is not required to, place an additional tip bet for the dealer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wager at the same time that the player places the player's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wager. A player may also place a tip bet on the three card Optional Bonus wager only if the player has placed a player's wager on the Optional Bonus, whether or not the player has placed any other tip bets on the hand. Dealers' tip bets placed on tying hands shall push, and dealers' tip bets on winning hands shall be paid at the same odds as players' bets on winning hands.

Immediately prior to each round of play, the dealer shall shuffle and cut the cards. **Based on state gaming regulations, an automatic Shuffling device will be used.** There will be no burn card. The dealer shall deal three cards to each player and to the dealer, all three at the same time, face down, in clockwise rotation around the table, beginning with the player to the left of the dealer and lastly to the dealer.

After all players have received their three cards, the dealer shall ask the players if they hold cards qualifying for a Three Card bonus payment, and if so, the players will expose their three card hands. Players who fail to declare and show their three card hands qualifying for payment at this time shall not be permitted to do so at any later time in the game. The dealer will collect all wagers on hands not qualifying for a three card Optional Bonus payment, and will pay all winning hands according to the following pay schedule:

Player's Hand	Three Card Optional Bonus Award
Straight	40 to 1
Three of a kind	30 to 1
Straight	6 to 1
Flush	4 to 1
Pair	1 to 1

Each player then has the option either to fold or to continue playing. Players who do not fold must make an additional wager in an amount equal to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wager by placing the additional wager in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wager circle in front of the player's position.

After all players have had the opportunity to place their wagers, the dealer shall pick up the wagers and cards from players who have folded. The dealer shall begin with the player to the dealer's right and continue in a counterclockwise rotation around the table, first picking up wagers, and then repeating the rotation picking up cards. The dealer shall not show the cards, and shall place them in the discard rack.

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**The dealer shall now take the remaining cards out of the automatic shuffler, insert them into a dealing shoe and starting from the dealer's left and continuing clockwise, deal two more cards, face down to each remaining player.** The remainder of the deck will be placed in the discard rack.

The dealer then turns the dealer's cards face up and determines the best poker hand held by the dealer. Each player's cards are then turned over by the dealer and are compared to the dealer's hand. The dealer begins with the player to the dealer's right and continues in a counterclockwise rotation around the table. The higher poker hand wins. In the event of a tie, the hands push and the player's wager is neither won nor lost.

When a dealer's hand beats a player's hand, the dealer collects both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wagers. The dealer also collects the player's ante. When a player's hand beats the dealer's hand, the player retains all the player's wagers placed and wins an amount equal to the sum of the player's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wagers, that is, the player is paid at odds of 1 to 1 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wagers. When the player's hand beats the dealer's hand, but the player holds cards less valuable than two pairs, the Ante wager is a push.

The player is eligible to receive an Ante bonus payment when the player holds a hand qualifying for payment pursuant to the pay schedule below. Should a player's Bonus hand lose to the dealer's hand, then the player loses his ante, but will still be awarded their Bonus payment. The ante bonus is always paid on the ante only, and not on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> wagers.

Player's Hands:	Ante Pays	
Royal flush	1,000 to 1	
Straight flush	200 to 1	
Four of a kind	100 to 1	
Full House	25 to 1	
Flush	15 to 1	
Straight	8 to 1	
Three of a kind	5 to 1	
Two Pairs	2 to 1	

After all wagers have been settled, the dealer shall pick up all cards from the table, beginning with the player to the dealer's right and continuing in a counterclockwise rotation around the table.

**ERRORS OR IRREGULARITIES**

- An incorrect number of cards dealt to any player constitute a misdeal with respect to that player only, voiding the player's wager(s). Exposed cards dealt to a player do not constitute a misdeal; the dealer will turn the card(s) over and continue to deal. If a player's card falls from the table, that player's hand is dead and the player's wagers are void.
- If the dealer misses dealing one card to the dealer, the dealer shall, after all other cards have been dealt to the players, take the next card from the deck stub to complete the dealer's hand. If the dealer fails to deal two cards to the dealer, then the entire hand is a misdeal; all wagers are void and all cards are collected. An exposed card dealt to the dealer does not constitute a misdeal, and the exposed card will be played as dealt.

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**BOSTON 5 STUD POKER TABLE: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

1. The felt shall identify the game as Boston 5 Stud Poker.
2. Boston 5 Stud Poker payouts shall be posted at the table or on the layout.
3. Boston 5 Stud Poker rules concerning the operation of the game, including minimum and maximum wagers, payoffs or payoff odds, and the winning hands that qualify for the bonus jackpot, shall be posted at the designated table.
4. One (1) side of the cloth shall be designated for players & opposite side designated for the dealer.

**MINIMUMS AND MAXIMUMS**

The minimum Boston 5 Stud Poker Ante Wager shall be \$1.00. The maximum bet on option Bonus shall be \$200.00

**TOKES**

Token bets will be placed above or below the player's bets.

Token bets will be handled and paid identical to the respective player's bet.

**RAISING HOUSE LIMITS**

The Players will be given 15 minutes notice before house limits will be increased. This will be displayed on the table limit signs.